

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7, 17, 21-24, 45-46, 52-53, 89-90 and 106-109 remain pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 22 has been amended to correct a typographical error introduced when the claim was written in independent form. As such, the rejection under this section has been overcome.

Request for Rejoinder

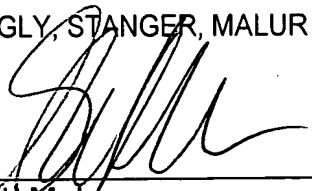
Claims 45, 46, 52, 53 and 106-109 are dependent upon allowed claims 1 and 7. Therefore, Applicant requests that they be rejoined and allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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